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SUBJ: ESTABLISHMENT OF TWO AIR DIVISIONS AT RAMSTEIN AB
GERMANY; REDESIGNATION OF DETACHMENT 2 AT ZARAGOZA

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1. WE NOW HAVE GOS CONCURRENCE IN REDESIGNATION OF DETACH-
MENT 2 AT ZARAGOZA AS THE "34TH STRATEGIC SQUADRON." IN
VIEW OF SPANISH SENSITIVITIES WITH RESPECT TO KC-135
OPERATIONS AT ZARAGOZA, WE SUGGEST MINIMUM PUBLIC REFERENCE
TO THIS UNIT IN THE CONTEXT OF ANNOUNCING OTHER CHANGES
AFFECTING KC-135 ASSETS IN EUROPE.

2. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE SUBSTANTIVE PORTIONS OF NOTES
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EXCHANGED AT THE REQUEST OF THE SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTRY
WITH RESPECT TO THIS REDESIGNATION:

(A) US NOTE OF JULY 12, 1978: "I WOULD LIKE TO ASSURE YOUR
EXCELLENCY THAT THIS CHANGE OF DESIGNATION WOULD IN NO WAY
ALTER THE INTERPRETATION OR IMPLEMENTATION BY THE UNITED
STATES OF THE PROVISION OF THE THIRD PARAGRAPH OF ARTICLE I

OF SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT 6 OF THE TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WHICH READS: 'THE 98TH STRATEGIC WING OF TANKER AIRCRAFT WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM SPAIN BUT A DETACHMENT OF A MAXIMUM OF FIVE TANKER AIRCRAFT MAY BE STATIONED AT AND USE ZARAGOZA AIR BASE.' THE DESIGNATION OF THIS DETACHMENT OF FIVE AIRCRAFT AS THE '34TH STRATEGIC SQUADRON' WOULD INVOLVE ABSOLUTELY NO CHANGE IN THE NUMBERS OF AIRCRAFT AT ZARAGOZA, THE NUMBERS OF PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE UNIT, OR THE UNIT'S MISSION. IT WOULD REMAIN 'A DETACHMENT OF A MAXIMUM OF FIVE TANKER AIRCRAFT' THE NEW DESIGNATION OF THE UNIT IS RELATED RATHER TO AN INTERNAL UNITED STATES AIR FORCE REDESIGNATION OF ALL UNITED STATES KC-135 ASSETS IN EUROPE."

(B) SPANISH NOTE OF JULY 14, 1978 (INFORMAL TRANSLATION):
"...I WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT I TAKE NOTE OF THE STATEMENT CONTAINED IN (YOUR EXCELLENCY'S NOTE) TO THE EFFECT THAT THE CHANGE IN DESIGNATION OF THE KC-135 UNIT AT ZARAGOZA AIR BASE DOES NOT IN ANY SENSE SIGNIFY MODIFICATION OF PARAGRAPH 3 OF ARTICLE I OF SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT NUMBER 6 OF THE TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN SPAIN AND THE UNITED STATES, AND THAT, THEREFORE, THE NEW DESIGNATION AS 'STRATEGIC SQUADRON 34' WILL NOT GIVE RISE TO ANY CHANGE IN THE NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT WHICH FORM THE UNIT, THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ASSIGNED TO THE UNIT, OR THE MISSION OF THE UNIT. THE UNIT WILL CONTINUE BEING, EXACTLY AS THE
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TREATY STATES, 'A DETACHMENT OF A MAXIMUM OF FIVE TANKER AIRCRAFT'..." TODMAN

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